

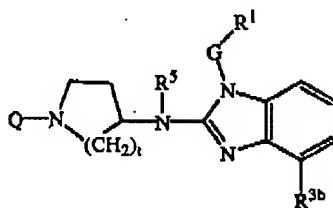
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Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned application.

Claims 1- 21 (Cancelled).

22. (New) A compound of formula (I)



wherein

Q is C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted with one or more substituents each independently selected from the group consisting of trifluoromethyl, C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, Ar², hydroxy, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkylthio, Ar²-oxy-, Ar²-thio-, Ar²(CH₂)_noxy, Ar²(CH₂)_nthio, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyl, Ar²carbonyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, Ar²(CH₂)_ncarbonyl, aminocarbonyloxy, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyloxy, Ar²carbonyloxy, Ar²(CH₂)_ncarbonyloxy, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl(CH₂)_noxy, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminocarbonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminocarbonyloxy, aminosulfonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonyl or a heterocycle selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolyl, dihydropyrrolyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl, pyridyl and tetrahydropyridyl, wherein each of said heterocycle may optionally be substituted with oxo or C₁₋₆alkyl; or Q is C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with two substituents wherein one substituent is selected from the group consisting of amino, mono- and diC₁₋₄alkyl-amino and Ar²-C₁₋₄alkylamino and the other substituent is selected from the group consisting of carboxyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, Ar²-C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl and aminosulfonyl;

each n is independently 1, 2, 3, or 4;

t is 2;

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G is methylene;

R^{3b} is C₁₋₆alkyl;

R¹ is pyridyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, amino, cyano, carboxyl, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkylthio, C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹, Ar¹C₁₋₆alkyl, Ar¹C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, mono-or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino, mono-or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino-C₁₋₆alkyl, polyhaloC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylcarbonylamino, C₁₋₆alkyl-SO₂-NR^{4a}-, Ar¹-SO₂-NR^{4a}-, C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl, -C(=O)-NR^{4a}R^{4b}, HO(-CH₂-CH₂-O)_n-, halo(-CH₂-CH₂-O)_n-, C₁₋₆alkyloxy(-CH₂-CH₂-O)-, Ar¹C₁₋₆alkyloxy(-CH₂-CH₂-O)_n- and mono-or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino(-CH₂-CH₂-O)-;

R^{4a} and R^{4b} can be the same or can be different relative to one another, and are each independently hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl; or

R^{4a} and R^{4b} taken together may form a bivalent radical of formula -(CH₂)₅-;

R⁵ is hydrogen or C₁₋₆alkyl;

and Ar¹ and Ar² are independently phenyl or phenyl substituted with one substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, polyhaloC₁₋₆alkyl, and C₁₋₆alkyloxy.

23. (New) A compound according to claim 22, wherein R¹ is pyridyl substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy and C₁₋₆alkyl.
24. (New) A compound according to claim 23, wherein R¹ is pyridyl substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from the group consisting of hydroxy and methyl.
25. (New) A compound according to Claim 24, wherein R^{3b} is methyl.
26. (New) A compound according to Claim 24, wherein R^{3b} is hydrogen.

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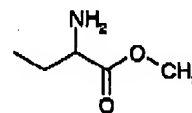
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27. (New) A compound according to Claim 22 wherein Q is C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from trifluoromethyl, C₃₋₇cycloalkyl, Ar², hydroxy, C₁₋₄alkoxy, Ar²-oxy-, Ar²(CH₂)_noxy, hydroxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyloxy, Ar²(CH₂)_ncarbonyloxy, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl-(CH₂)_noxy, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonyl or a heterocycle selected from pyrrolidinyl, pyrrolyl, dihydropyrrolyl, imidazolyl, triazolyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, piperazinyl and tetrahydropyridyl, wherein each of said heterocycle may optionally be substituted with oxo or C₁₋₆alkyl; or Q is C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with two substituents wherein one substituent is selected from amino and the other substituent is selected from carboxyl and C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl;
28. (New) A compound according to Claim 22 wherein Q is C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from aminocarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyloxy, Ar²(CH₂)_ncarbonyloxy, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydropyrrolyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl and tetrahydropyridyl; or Q is C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with two substituents wherein one substituent is amino and the other substituent is selected from carboxyl and C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl.
29. (New) A compound according to Claim 22, wherein Q is C₁₋₆alkyl optionally substituted with one substituent selected from aminocarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyloxy, Ar²(CH₂)_ncarbonyloxy, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydropyrrolyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl and tetrahydropyridyl, and optionally with a second substituent which is hydroxy or Q is C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with two substituents wherein one substituent is amino and the other substituent is selected from carboxyl and C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl.

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30. (New) A compound according to Claim 22, wherein Q is C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with aminocarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, aminocarbonyloxy, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminocarbonyl, aminosulfonyl, mono- or di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonyl, pyrrolidinyl, dihydropyrrolyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl or tetrahydropyridyl.

31. (New) A compound according to Claim 26, wherein Q is



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